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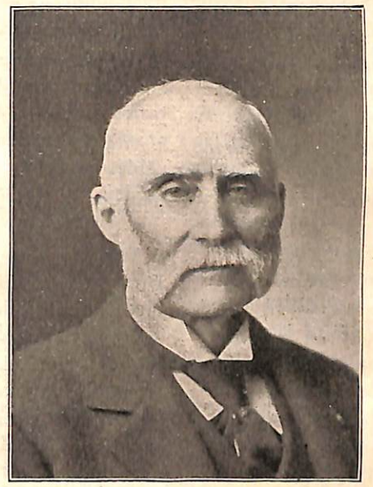

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There's a Land without graves, without mourners or sin,
There's a Master most gracious, paternal and mild,
And He waits the old Tyler, and will bid him come in.

And then the old Tyler, no longer outside,
No longer with weapon of war in his hand,
A glorified spirit, shall grandly abide,
And close by the Master, high honored, shall stand."

FRATERNITY.

Fraternity is the great foundation principle of all secret societies. Every member who is in good standing is a brother, and the society taken as a whole, a great "brotherhood," or as one writer has tersely put it, a "universal fraternity in the family of man." In all lodges the members meet on a common level, they share a common interest and are bound together by ties which should be strong and everlasting. The relationship of a brother in the same family is considered by every one as a near and dear one, unless we are old Cains; and as we regard our lodges sacred as our families, shouldn't the relationship of brothers be strongly felt and sacredly kept? Shouldn't such a relationship prompt us to acts of kindness and true affection? The ties that bind us together as brothers are strong and the endearments of our great fraternity are of the most sacred import. The fraternal feelings should not be interfered with or the sacred ties of brotherhood broken. The relation of brother should be a near one, and brotherly interest manifested at all times. If one of our brothers is overtaken by disease or misfortune in any form, so that he suffers in person, property or reputation, the willing hands of brothers should be stretched out to him, and this sentiment should extend throughout the whole fraternal family.

Disease can often be arrested by genuine sympathy, careful nursing and other small acts of kindness. Many a financial crash may be averted and the stains of the slanderer removed from the escutcheon of a man's character, if all brothers will only extend a helping hand. "A friend in need is a friend indeed." If a brother is thrown out of employment on acconnt of a depression in business, the fraternity should early take his case into consideration and do their best to assist him to some form of employment whereby he can earn a living for himself and family. Our order looks upon the whole earth domain as a great field of labor, and the great family of man as her beneficiaries. Do not all the nations of this world belong to one great brotherhood and all the families to one great family? We as individuals are but units of one great race of men, and is not the language of this earth one great language divided into many dialects?

We need closer union of man to man and to be led to a realization of eachother's wants and then to labor zealously to relieve them. Close fraternity alone can accomplish this great end, and our great order stands second to none as a fraternity in bringing about such a result. The epidemics which have from time to time spread throughout various sections of our country, have received prompt responses from us to the cry for help, and how much more can an association, working together, brother with brother, accomplish than if we as separate individuals endeavor to "go it alone?" No man has a moral right to live unto himself alone, such would be selfishness, and our order does not teach us that, but instead it teaches us in all its lessons the great principle of benevolence, and such we should foster and practice at all times. Now is the day, the time for work, at death and death only, is the time to lay aside our armor to rest.—*Companion.*

FIRST LODGE IN THE UNITED STATES.

The *American Tyler* has the following: Bro. W. J. Hughan, Torquay, England, gives us the following facts in regard to a widely published item about Norfolk Lodge, No. 1, Norfolk, Virginia. The item in question may have started from an unreliable source, but it has been going the rounds of the Masonic press for sometime, and we are glad to be able to quote Bro. Hughan as authority for its contradiction. Bro. Hughan says:

"In the *American Tyler* for March 1st it is stated that an "exchange" says that Norfolk, Va., is now claiming the distinction of having the oldest lodge in the United States. This certainly is a startling claim, as the first Lodge on the English register for any part of America was St. John's Lodge, Boston, Mass. The assertion that "Norfolk Lodge No. 1, was instituted in 1729, and was chartered under the name of the 'Royal Exchange Lodge, No. 172' but surrendered its charter in 1741," is wholly incorrect.

The first Lodge for Virginia constituted by authority of the Grand Lodge of England was for Norfolk, Dec. 22, 1753, and was numbered 236, becoming 173 in 1756, then 137 in 1770, and 111-2 in 1780-1, the final number on the English roll being 102, until its removal in 1813. Long before that, however, it had left its mother Grand Lodge; only until the union of December, 1813, Lodges which did not return their warrants of constitution from abroad were kept on the list. The No. 172 of 1738 is now the "Peace and Harmony" Lodge No. 60, London. W. J. Hughan.

MILITARY LODGES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

The war for American independence would not have been successful had it not been for the existence of Masonic lodges. From the Battle of Bunker Hill (1775) to the end of that awful struggle, the meetings of Lodges of Freemasons played a most important hand on the side of the oppressed. The first Freemason slain in the cause of the colonies was Major General Joseph Warren, M. D., a native of Boston and a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, a Past Master of that renowned body, and "Grand Master of all Masons of North America." He was killed in the above named battle. This thoroughly aroused the Masonic fraternity. There were ten Lodges organized during those eight years of bloodshed. They were as follows:

1st. "St. John's Regimental Lodge" in the "United States Battalion," chartered July 24, A. L. 5775, under the Provincial Grand Lodge of (Moderns) New York.

2d. "American Union Lodge," among the Connecticut troops, chartered Feb. 15, A. L. 5776, under the Grand Lodge of Mass. (Moderns.)

3d. No. 19, under the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and in the First Regiment of Pennsylvania Artillery, chartered May 18, A. L. 5779 (Ancients) by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

4th. "Washington Lodge" (Ancients) in the Massachusetts line, chartered Oct. 6th, A. L. 5779 (Modern).

5. No. 20, under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in a North Carolina regiment, chartered A. L. 5779, (Ancients.)

6th. No. 27, under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the Maryland line, chartered April 4th, A. L. 5780 (Ancients).

7th. No. 28, under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the Pennsylvania line, chartered A. L. 5780, (Ancients).

8th. No. 29, under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the Pennsylvania line, chartered July 27th, A. L. 5780 (Ancients).

9th. No 31, under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the New Jersey line, chartered Sept. 2, A. L. 5782 (Ancients).

10th. No. 36, under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the New Jersey line, chartered Sept. 2, A L. 5782 (Moderns.)

The Lodges held regular meetings during those several years of war. The Banner Lodge of the Army was "American Union Lodge." It had the largest membership and did the most in charity. "Washington Lodge" had a small membership, yet did its ritualistic work the best of any of the Army Lodges. Among the visitors of those two Lodges were often found Generals Washington, Hamilton, Putnam, Lincoln, Jackson, Gist, Schuyler, Brooks, Armstrong, Hunter, Parsons, Knox, Green, Lewis, Thompson, Wooster, Clinton, Pulaski, Lafayette, Dayton, and a host of line and petty officers.—*Gilbert P. Brown in Tyler.*

CONSISTENCY.

Dove Commandery, No. 8, in Virginia, applied to the Grand Commander for a dispensation to escort Roman Eagle Lodge No. 122, on the occasion of laying a corner stone of a Jewish synagogue in Danville, September 28, 1899, which was refused, saying that "the fundamental principle of our Order is founded upon the Christian religion, that it is a Christian Order, one in which those not believing in Jesus Christ as the Savior of mankind can have neither interest or part, therefore it would be inconsistent for a Commandery of Knights Templar, marching under the banner of the Cross, to participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of a Jewish synagogue, or act as an escort on such an occasion."

Bro. W. H. Mayo, P. G. Commander of

Missouri and present Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, says justly, in the Report of Correspondence of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, that he "cannot agree with the Grand Commander (of Virginia) in his reason for refusing the above." He says, "we are well aware that there are several thousand Hebrews who are Master, Royal Arch and Scottish Rite Masons in the United States, and we are of the opinion that there is no good reason why they can not have the corner stone of their places of worship laid by the Masonic fraternity as well as any other denomination. We all worship the same God."

Per Contra, St. Andrew's Commandery of Virginia appeared as escort to the Grand Lodge of Virginia at the laying of the corner stone of the monument to the memory of the late Jefferson Davis, who was not a Mason, nor was there any claim to distinction on Masonic lines.

The *Trestle Board* believes that toleration was due in the first instance certainly as much as the last, but it is hard to become divested of prejudice.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

The "Good of the Order" may be made an interesting part of business and help to redeem a dull session, or it may be just the reverse, according to the cleverness or lack of it, of the person who is usually selected to start the ball rolling and keep it going until the presiding officer calls a halt.

A good many officers do not properly construe the intent of this order of business, the prevailing opinion appearing to be that it was placed among the rules for the purpose of affording talkative brethren an opportunity to air their views on every conceivable subject.

The addresses that are made during the "Good of the Order" are sometimes bright, entertaining and instructive, but more often they are dull and not worth listening to. No one cares to hear a poor speaker at any time, and it is especially aggravating at the end of a long and tiresome session of the Lodge to be compelled to witness the hopeless floundering of some well-meaning brother in a rhetorical quagmire. It may not be his fault that he thus makes an exhibition of himself; sometimes he is forced to do it, because of the absurd notion that visitors would feel that a slight had been put upon them if they were not called upon, one after another, to address the Lodge; and so, perhaps against his will, he is compelled to get up and say something.

CAMPAIGN METHODS.

Any body of Masons or any body composed of Masons that indulges in the methods of the campaign to attain their ends is doomed, ultimately, fraternally damned. This may not seem so now, or even immediately, but at no distant day the echo of domestic confusion will swell out beyond the city gates. Woe unto the place and prestige hunting individuals then. Their invidious innuendoes, their mysterious guterals of reform in the pronunciation of the pass at the water ford will not save them and with them will go all the annexes.

This need not be taken as personal since it is of so general application that our narrow experience as newsgatherer puts us in possession of the knowledge of strange things in high places, too strange and too high to be hidden much longer under the "grandfather's hat" of prerogative policy. As Freemasons (most especially) we should oppose the use within or without the body of campaign methods. This item is suggested by a letter which we have asking co-operation of a certain kind which if we find any further evidence of we'll publish over his signature who wrote it. See!

A REAL LOW TWELVE BELL.

Among all the devices to stimulate the "far away cathedral tones" at "low twelve" we find none equal to the one made by Bro. W. H. Poole of Oxford, Iowa. We bespeak numerous orders for him. He's an accomplished Mason. He's in poor health and going south soon and we call upon all the Lodges where you've been pounding brass and hitting triangles to get one of these for they are worth all you pay. He sends them on trial. Now brothers, act.

Among the Lodges.

Garden City Lodge, 141, Chicago, puts us under renewed obligations for the invite to their reception for Jan. 2, 1901.

GOES AGAINST INSURANCE COMPANY.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 27th.— Judge Wakefield of the district court, has rendered an interesting decision in a case in which the Masonic Fraternity Accident association of America refused to pay $5,000 on a policy which was held by Fred C. Hill, president of the Sioux City, O'Neill and Western railway. Mr. Hill died after eating some breakfast food which had been poisoned to kill rats and which was served on the table by a new servant girl. A provision in the policy states that it does not cover death resulting from "taking poison." Judge Wakefield held that this refers to the taking of poison voluntarily. The insurance company will appeal.

BROUGHT UP STANDING.

Davenport gets a Masonic deadbeat. It is a case of fraud absolutely proven and the man is likely to go to the penitentiary for his trickery. We do not know the man's name and have merely the above outlines from Bro. Fidlar of Davenport.

The order for third degree work, at Arcturus Lodge, No. 237 A. F. & A. M., at Ossian, on January 22d, was the occasion which brought together a number of visiting brethren from the surrounding lodges, Cope Stone lodge, Calmar, being represented by Frank Krumm, J. L. Saunders, Union Band Lodge, Frankville, by James M. Lennon, G. E. Merrill, G. W. Sherman, James Birdsill. Brotherly Love Lodge, Postville, Gorfrey Staadt, R. F. Hecker, Art. S. Burdick, F. W. Fuller, F. Wilke, H. Buscaker, Wm. Moll, F. L. Eisfelder, W. E. Duro, W. A. Martin, Carl Holter, H. G. Hawkins, W. S. Webster, John Crosby, William Rollinson. It seldom occurs in the history of a Masonic lodge that the father and uncle of the candidate have the right to confer the degree (both being Past Worshipful Masters) as in this case they were invited to do through the courtesy of the W. M., I. H. De Graff. After the work was finished all repaired to the Wiltgen hotel, where an elegant banquet was served. In due time all repaired to their respective homes feeling that the evening was pleasantly and profitably spent.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Keokuk, Feb. 18, 19, 1901.
Mt. Pleasant, Feb. 20, 21, 1901.
Columbus Junction, Feb. 22, 23, 1901.
Lodges No 1 5 8 12 13 17 26 27 28 29 45 48 68 107 120 136 207 226 235 245 318 365 440 541 545.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Agency City, March 4, 5, 1901.
Moravia, March 6, 7, 1901.
Keosauqua, March 8, 9, 1901.
Lodges No. 10 14 15 16 21 40 42 50 56 73 86 104 119 198 217 252 269 317 358 413 461 480 504 505 526.

The Royal Arch.

On January 14, Missouri Chapter No. 1 St. Louis, took part in the ceremony of presenting the P. G. H. P's jewel to Companion B. F. Parker, now of that city, but late G. H. P. of Iowa. We had an invite.

The Council.

We have no tidings from the S. V. this month though we ought to hear of a number of councils U. D.

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT IT?

Over in New Albany, the side degree known as the "Tall Cedars of Lebanon" is having a considerable boom. Visitors from this side of the river are numerous.— *Masonic Home Joarnal.*

Doctors seldom disagree when it comes to bleeding the patient.

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GRAND LODGE MEETS.
Davenport, June 4, 1901.

W. L. EATON.....Osage.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.

General Grand (U. S.,) Cincinnati, Sept. 25th, 1900.
Iowa, Grand, Des Moines, October 16, 1900.
N. B. HYATT.....Mason City.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

ASSEMBLIES, R. & S. M.

General Grand (U. S.,)
Iowa, Grand Council, Davenport, Sept., 1901.
A R. DEWEY.....Washington.....M. P. G. M
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

CONCLAVES K. T.

Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1901.
D. M. BROWNLEE...Sioux City..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.

General Grand (U. S.) Sept., 1901, Detroit.
Iowa, Oct. 24, 1901, Sioux City.
FREDA OPPENHEIMER Webster City GRAND MATRON
A. J. Small.....Des Moines.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

Imperial Council, Kansas City, Mo., June 11, 1901.
LOU B. WINSOR,..Reed City, Mich...IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
B. M. CLEVELAND.....Waterloo.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger...Cedar Rapids.....Recorder

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The office address of this journal is now 216 S. 6th St., Cedar Rapids, instead of Marion. Exchanges and all correspondents kindly notice and make the change.

Winter work is on.

Live Masonic bodies are moving.

Worshipful Master, how fares the timid craftsman?

The talkative Mason does not always say most or say well what he says.

We are happily settled in our new home and things are assuming shape. A little grippy but coming all right.

LOUISVILLE.

The next Triennial Encampment of Knights Templar will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, next August 27, and as usual there will be thousands of Masons of all degrees who will go to witness the wonderful pageant. We refer elsewhere to one of the best lines out of Chicago or St. Louis for the trip. Commence now to get things ready for you'll go and you might as well go right.

AS OTHERS AFFECT US.

We are not proud, that is, not of any exclusive idea of the "ancient and honorable institution." It is peerless, majestic and old; but to assume an air of aristocratic selectness on the idea that we are the only and unaffected is to cheapen the whole intent of the Order. Masonry can no more escape the "izing" influences of its surroundings than our foreign neighbors, only about four generations nearer to the bilge water-line, than the best of us can escape being Americanized in the second generation, and we don't want Masonry to escape its best mission. It is to its credit that as yet all comparisons are to its superiority and it will continue to be so as we absorb the best from all the good. Much in Masonry should never change—whatever the landmark, earmarks are, let them abide; but let us revert to the simpler, heartier fraternal manners of the younger Orders and if need be undo some or our expensive style that the "Brotherly Love" on one side and "Truth" on the other may not look like the poor master when "Relief" insists that it is essential to the trio. We know how easy it is to misunderstand a motive and we may be misunderstood; but if we must ask for any change we'd call for more spirit and less letter—more imitation of better examples around us and less self laudations.

The Mystic Shrine.

Kaaba talks of going to Maquoketa.

Imperial Lou B. Winsor visited Mecca on February 1.

El Kahir has something coming and we don't have to hurry.

ElKahir is decidedly in business and has struck the right place at "home." An interesting ceremonial session was held Jan. 25th, and the attendance showed that it will pay. Seven were elected, all of whom with many others, will join in celebrating Washington's birthday.

We hear that some of the Clinton 32 degrees complained that El Kahir had her meeting at the same time as the reunion. There were Clinton Nobles present when the 4th Friday was announced as our regular date and it is both late and dangerous to go to that sort of thing now. Don't undo what some of us are trying to accomplish.

"Zagazig Temple of Des Moines goes to Sac City soon," that's the rumor.

The taking of a man into a Temple after a waiver is refused cannot be paliated by sending the fees; and we'd advise that to go where some other unseemly things ought to go ere it does serious harm.

Past Imperial Potentate Walter M. Fleming has just returned from a seven months tour through Oriental countries. He addressed Mecca lately on his trip.

Mecca will erect the "Peter's Memorial" stairway—a courtway guarded by a pair of majestic sphinxes and a costly, handsome memorial.

Kaaba Temple elected Geo. L. Osborne, Potentate; Ira R. Tabor, Chief Rabban; John Soller, Assistant Rabban; W. S. Onderdonk, High Priest; Wm. F. Winecke, Treasurer; C. J. Brown, Recorder. Imperial Representatives: Geo. L. Osborne; G. M. Titus; Joe R. Lane; C. E. Birchard.

KANSAS CITY.

There is no more hospitable city in the west than Kansas City, Mo., where the Imperial Council is to meet, June 11, next, and the convenience of the place fixes it as an ideal time for El Kahir Temple to show just what a company she can take down to the "Showme" dervishes in June. Plans now point to our meeting Monday night, June 10th—maybe a little late—then in our own train of sleepers, sleep into Kansas City by breakfast time next morning. Whatever time we go let no one who can spare the time stay at home for it is an opportunity of a life time. Then, we must escort "Our Representatives," one of whom is an Imperial officer, to the Mecca of the Southwestern Desert, the last town where bar fixtures are safe, until you strike Billy Grimes at Kingfisher, or George Green at Dallas, Texas.

Order of Isis.

The reception for the ladies and daughters was so successful with El Kahir folks that it will be an annual function, but not at the annual meeting. It will get the whole time of its day and then it will be pleasanter all around.

Commanderies.

WHO'S WHO! WHAT'S WHAT!

It becomes a considerable question in Templar ethics when any one assumes, for himself, or for himself and others to approach a Grand Officer elect to inform him that he must not expect to join the "succession" since he is thus exalted for the time being. Were the case singular we'd hold still; but it's not and whenever there is any further developments of the disease we'll draw our pen across its name low enough to spell it out in full. *In Hoc Signo quit it.*

The Triennial Committee of the Grand Commandery of Iowa met January 22d, in this city to consider plans for the Louisville, Ky., Encampment. We met Sir Knights Craig and Wingate at the Grand on the 21st, and understood that the Grand Commander was expected in by ten next morning.

EUGENE ANDERSON DEAD.

We were pained to learn from Dr. Lacy at Council Bluffs, January 7th, that Sir Knight Eugene Anderson of Washington was dead and buried. He passed away December 26th, 1900, in his 48th year. Those who knew him loved him well. We join his many devoted brothers in expressing to his family our sorrow for the loss of one whom it was worth so much to have live. Verily the Templar Park regulars are falling out fast.

Should any Sir Knight have a uniform to sell or want to buy one, he or they may write us and we'll help them if we can. We'll file such letters and forward them to inquiries either way. Of course free.

The Scottish Rite.

DeMolay Consistory No. 1, has out the finest ballustre and most useful we have received in a long time.

They had a pleasant and successful reunion, January 22 to 25. Two of the class were from this city, viz: Rev. Dr. T. E. Green and Geo. B. Holmes.

Iowa No. 2, held their meeting Dec. 27, as announced. Old officers were elected (whatever that means) and the question of surrender held over until after the reunion at Clinton when the committee will report and the matter be settled one way or the other. Meanwhile Brothers are exercising liberty about the leaving of the jurisdiction of Linn county and going as they please after the 32d degree.

Des Moines No. 3 is reported as having a reunion booked for this month but we are without data. We are glad to announce matters coming to us in time.

Zerepath No. 4, Davenport, have a reunion booked for February 13—15, just about the time this meets the eyes of our readers.

Buffalo Consistory (N. Y.) has Charles W. Cushman as Commander in chief and C. E. Markham as Grand Secretary 1900—1902.

The Eastern Star.

AN IOWA LAW CASE.

An evident weakness in the new Grand Chapter Code will be found in section 22 (b) where withdrawal (from Lodge) is confounded with demission, and as a consequence at least one case will come up at the next grand chapter in which the rights of a Master Mason who has lately demitted, avowing his intention to join another Lodge. His Chapter takes up and prefers charges against him to force his *withdrawal* though he is demitted and not withdrawn. When he joins another Lodge *will it* restore him? It is to be regretted that any Chapter should show undue haste and when having done an unwarranted thing, that there is no remedy for the immediate righting of the wrong. This leads us to note another weakness—should a demitted member be rejected on his effort to affiliate, he must take the odium of his suspended rights in this order, though there may be no justice in such a construction. But, who ever saw even a good law that did not injure some?

The General Grand Chapter U. S. A will meet Sept. 24 to 27, 1901, at 10 a. m. in the Masonic Temple, Detroit. Iowa should send a large delegation to this great triennial gathering.

Fraternities.

The Cedar Rapids K. C's are making great preparations for the Grand Lodge of Iowa which meets here next August. G. C. Murphy, General Manchester, and other notables were in town on January 24th.

Book Table and Invitations.

By some means we missed Bro. Gil Barnard's Christmas Greeting:

"Dear is my friend—yet from my foe, as from my friend, comes good.
My friend shows what I can do and my foe what I should"

Among the most desirable and handsome reminders of the "New Century" came an Oriental cushion face from Noble Dr. Jos. Sheafe of Riverside, Iowa.

From General John Corson Smith we have the 15th annual report of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois, 1900. A veritable volume of history.

We have the preceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand (half yearly) October 31, 1900.

From Grand Secretary etc., Geo. A Pettigrew of Flandreau, we have all the proceedings of the Grand bodies for 1900.

From Immortal Gil Barnard proceedings of the Grand Council of Illinois R. & S. M. 1900.

From Grand Secretary Parmelee, Denver, the proceedings of the Graud Lodge of Colorado for 1900.

To the many large hearted sisters and brothers who even yet continue kind words to us for our past bereavement we can but say our thanks. How sorrow maketh us akin!

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